

41-Unity

We are all from the same Earth, from the same world. And all of us have the responsibility to take care of our planet. We cannot dream of a future if we cannot guarantee a present.

Xipaya Indigenous, Mita Xipaya, Brazil

We must seek unity within. The time for division and dissension is over. We must reach out to each other, come together and unite.

American Indigenous (Navajo), Peter MacDonald (Tribal Leader)

May your counsel be common, your assembly common, common the mind, and the thoughts of these united.

A common purpose do I lay before you, and worship with your common oblation.

Let your aims be common, and your hearts of one accord, and all of you be of one mind, so you may live well together.

Hinduism, *Rig Veda* 10.191: 3-4

May we unite in our minds, unite in our purposes, and not fight against the divine spirit within us. Let not the battle-cry arise amidst many slain, nor the arrows of the War-god fall with the break of day.

Hinduism, *Atharva Veda* 7.52: 2

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Judaism, *Tehilim (Psalms)*, 133: 1-3

Blessed is the arising of the awakened;
blessed is the teaching of the truth;
blessed is the harmony of the community;
blessed is the devotion of those who live in peace.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 194

A Shramana asked the Buddha, "What is goodness? What is the foremost greatness?" The Buddha said, practice the Way, and uphold the truth is goodness. To unite your will with the Way is greatness."

Buddhism, *Sutra in Forty-two Sections*, 11.20

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing.

Christianity, *Peter I 3: 8-9*

And hold ye fast by the cord of God, all of you, and break not loose from it; and remember God's goodness towards you, how that when ye were enemies, He united your hearts, and by his favour ye became brethren;

Islam, *Qur'án 3: 100*

The Divine Messengers have been sent down, and their Books were revealed, for the purpose of promoting the knowledge of God, and of furthering unity and fellowship amongst men.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 12

He Who is the Day-Star of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. The One true God, He Who knoweth all things, Himself testifieth to the truth of these words.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 14

The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. This unity can never be achieved so long as the counsels which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed are suffered to pass unheeded.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Gleanings, p. 286